



**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF LIVESTOCK MEETING**  
**APRIL 23, 2015**  
Capitol Meeting Room 137  
Helena, MT

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**Call to Order:** Vice-Chair John Scully, at 10:00 AM

**Members Present:**

Brett DeBruycker (cattle producer)  
Jeffery Lewis (dairy producer)  
Ed Waldner (swine producer)  
John Scully (cattle producer)  
Nina Baucus (cattle producer)

Newly appointed member Lila Taylor, cattle producer, attended but did not vote.

**Members Absent:** John Lehfeldt, Chair (sheep producer)

**Staff Present:**

Christian Mackay, Executive Officer  
Sherry Rust, board assistant, minute taker  
Sheila Martin, Human Resources  
Dr. Zaluski, Animal Health  
Jim Newhall, Centralized Services  
George Harris, Centralized Services  
Gary Hamel, Meat Inspection  
John Grainger, Brands Enforcement  
Marty Clark, Brands Enforcement  
Paul Johnson, Brands Enforcement

**Public Present:**

John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau Federation  
Gene Curry, Montana Stockgrowers Association  
Senator Taylor Brown  
Errol Rice, Montana Stockgrowers Association  
Ryan Goodman, Montana Stockgrowers Association  
Jacob Cargill, Montana Farmers Union

**Audio Meetings:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the board. A brief summarization of each action item is provided for clarification. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Department of Livestock website.

10:05 AM Follow up to Evaluation.

**Motion/Vote:** Brett DeBruycker moved to place performance expectations for Christian Mackay on the May Board of Livestock Meeting. Ed Waldner seconded. The motion carried unanimously by ayes.

- 11:10 AM      **Explanation:** The purpose of the meeting was to review monthly cash analysis and budget review status for each division. The board expressed a lack of understanding of state budget methods and explanations of budget shortfalls resulting in the following motions.  
**Motion/Vote:** Brett DeBruycker moved to include head counts with year to year revenue reports for clarity. Nina Baucus seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
- 1:17 PM      **Motion/Vote:** Brett DeBruycker moved that Dan Turcotte bring a revenue plan to the May meeting. The plan will include communicating the need with producers and requesting solutions.
- 1:28 PM      **Motion/Vote:** Nina Baucus moved that a plan for closing FY 2015 budget be brought to the next meeting. Jeff Lewis seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- 1:40 PM      **Motion/Vote:** Brett DeBruycker moved that a presentation on FY 2016/17 be brought to the May meeting with appropriate projected needs for fee increases within each division. Jeff Lewis seconded. The motion carried.
- 1:48 PM      **Motion/Vote:** Brett DeBruycker moved that a process for IT review be started including hardware, software, and equipment citing age, functionality and needs of the department. Jeff Lewis seconded. The motion carried.
- 1:52 PM      **Motion/Vote:** Nina Baucus moved to end the employee furlough process May 1. Brett DeBruycker seconded. The motion carried.
- 1:54 PM      **Motion/Vote:** Nina Baucus moved to send a letter thanking employees and informing them of the end of furloughs. Jeff Lewis seconded. The motion carried.
- 2:06 PM      **Motion/Vote:** Brett DeBruycker moved that the board authorize advertising of the vacant IT position at the adjusted level. Ed Waldner seconded. The motion carried.
- Next Board Meeting:**  
                 May 18 and 19, 2015                      Location to be determined
- 2:08 PM      **Motion/Vote:** Jeff Lewis moved to resolve into Executive Session for discussion of trial strategy. Brett DeBruycker seconded. The motion carried.
- 3:16 PM      **Motion/Vote:** Brett DeBruycker moved to adjourn. Jeff Lewis seconded. The motion carried.

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John Scully, Vice-Chair